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- Attached for your signature is a letter to the Canadian Judicial Council (CJC) concerning the case of Quebec Superior Court Justice Michel Déziel.
- As discussed with the Deputy Minister, the letter indicates that you are prepared to accept the CJC's recommendation that Justice Déziel not be removed from office.

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Dear Council members:

I am writing regarding Council's report and recommendation in the matter of the Honourable Justice Michel Déziel.

Council's function in investigating and inquiring into allegations of judicial misconduct and providing me with a recommendation on whether a judge should be removed from the bench is critical to ensuring public confidence in the judiciary and the judicial system. I appreciate the importance of Council's role, and take very seriously my own responsibilities as Minister of Justice at this final stage of the judicial discipline process.

Having carefully reviewed the report of Council's inquiry into the conduct of Justice Déziel, I am prepared to accept its recommendation that Justice Déziel not be removed from office. While not unanimous, Council has thoroughly canvassed and considered the many factors at issue in light of the importance of a judge's integrity to public confidence in the judge's ability to discharge his or her judicial functions.

I thank Council for its thorough analysis in this matter.

Respectfully,

Original signed by /
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The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould

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